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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/774,125) Group Art Unit: 2872
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For: LIGHT SCANNING OPTICAL)
SYSTEM, OPTICAL SCANNING)
APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
FORMING APPARATUS USING)
THE SAME) May 24, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 6-18800
- (2) Japan 7-27991
- (3) Japan 10-20230
- (4) Japan 11-242179
- (5) Europe 816,894

Reference (1) was discussed in the specification at page 8, lines 12 to 24; reference (2) was discussed in the specification at page 9, lines 6 to 17; reference (3) was discussed in the specification at page 10, lines 10 to 23,

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and reference (4) was discussed in the specification at page 11, lines 8 to 15. These references might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given therein.

European Patent Application No. 816,894 is believed to be an English language equivalent of Japan 10-20230.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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